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Writing Log Reflections: This I Believe - Seeing is Believing

After completing my essay, I thought I had completed one of my better writings. However, when the paper was graded and handed back, I realized I could have been a little more focuses while writing it. Although the sentences flow and the paragraphs connect, the idea behind them isn’t fully there. I know I stayed true to my topic and didn’t stray, but I don’t think I fully grasped the whole mentality of the prompt. For this reason, I feel I could have been a little more organized and prepared. I could have dug a little deeper into my emotions to emphasize the thought in my paper. I feel as thought I didn’t completely share what I believe.

From the teacher’s comments, I gathered that my paper was not as fantastic as I had originally thought it to be. The comments are also where I originally learned that I wasn’t as vivid in my descriptions as I need to be. After looking back at my essay a second time, I agreed. For the next time I write an essay, I’m going to try and be even more distinct in my word choice. I will try not to be as generic with my details an instead be more creative and diverse.

I think overall I did much better with this essay than I normally do. I could tell while I was writing that I was in the right mind set, and I stayed true to one idea the whole way through. I also didn’t have any grammatical errors which was relieving to see. On the other hand, I think I lacked in personality on this essay. The paper still has style but not as much as it should have. I know that sometimes I have a problem with this issue, and I think I just let that whole aspect slip to the back of my mind while I was writing.